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LOK SABHA

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ALLOTMENT OF OIL BLOCKS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether oil blocks have been allotted in the first, second, third and fourth phases of the New Exploration Licensing Policy;

(b) if so, the time by which production was required to start from these allotted oil blocks;

(c) whether oil production has been started according to the conditions laid down in the policy;

(d) if not, the names of the organizations held responsible for this; and

(e) the action taken by the Government against them?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (c):- Yes. Sir. Total 90 exploration blocks have been awarded under first four rounds of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP). Further, 72 more blocks have been contracted in fifth and sixth rounds of NELP bidding.

Blocks under various rounds of NELP are contracted for carrying out exploration activities for a period of seven to eight years during which operator completes Exploration Work Programme. Time taken for oil/gas discovery to come on production is normally about 3 to 8 years depending upon the location of discovery, availability of infrastructure and markets in and around the discovery area.

Under NELP, 43 oil and gas discoveries have already been made. In Gujarat, 3 lakh cubic metres of gas per day is being provided from one block operated by Niko Resources. In another block operated by Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation (GSPC), cmde oil of the order of 500 barrels per day has started recently from July, 2007 onwards. Gas production of 40 Million Metric Standard Cubic Metres per Day (MMSCMD) from Krishna Godavari basin is likely to commence in July 2008 with peak production of 80 MMSCMD.

(d) &(e):- Do not arise in view of above.